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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_TOPIC STRAUSBERG Airfield

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EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

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SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Nineteen twin-engine aircraft were parked in two rows, facing each other, on the northern edge of the STRAUSBERG (N 53/V 15) airfield. Maintenance work was being done on two planes with light blue propeller hubs. The others were covered with tarpaulins. Twenty-one aircraft covered with tarpaulins were standing in a row on the field's north-west edge.

2. Description:

Twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, in-line engines, double-rudder assembly, elevator assembly slightly dihedral, tail of fuselage protruding over elevator assembly, cockpit canopy in two versions; the aircraft with closed cockpit canopy had armament mounted pointing up and to the rear. Antenna rod with two insulators on front section of cabin roof, with an antenna leading from each insulator to the rudder assembly. Metal nose, not glazed, projecting over engines. Landing gear retracting rearward.

3. There was no flying between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., although the weather was favorable.
4. There were fifteen to twenty more empty bomb boxes in the guarded bomb dump east of the field than last observed. The dump contained a total of about 150 x 50-kg bombs, about 150 x 250-kg bombs, 50 to 80 x 500-kg bombs, 10 very large bombs (about 7 feet long and from 15 to 20 inches in diameter) and 50 empty bomb cases.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

a. The number of aircraft agrees with previous observations made by other sources. The strength of occupation apparently has not changed since early October 1949. According to the description in para 2, the aircraft seem to be PE-2 and PE-3 types (nose not of plexiglass). They may be

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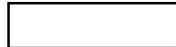
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assigned to a fighter reconnaissance unit. From the existence of the bomb dump (see para 4), which was confirmed by other sources, it is concluded that the aircraft were employed not only for fighter reconnaissance missions but also for bombing attacks, or it may be that bombers were stationed in ST AUSMAB, in addition to the fighter reconnaissance unit.



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